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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is requested that the time for response to this Final Office Action dated April 18, 2006 be extended for a 2-month period of time to end September 18, 2006, under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136. The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$450 called for by 37 C.F.R. §1.17 to Deposit Account 50-0845

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